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SUBJ: FIVE-YEAR PLAN

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1. PROJECT PROPOSALS ON "NONPROLIFERATION" AND
"SETTLEMENT" THEMES BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTELS.

2. BELIEVE IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN WILL REQUIRE
INCREASE IN CU AS WELL AS USIA SUPPORT. "NONPROLIFERATION"
AND "SETTLEMENT" PROJECTS, FOR EXAMPLE, HEAVILY DEPENDENT
ON AMERICAN SPECIALISTS AND INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS.
FOR SEMINAR PROPOSED UNDER "SETTLEMENT" PROJECT, POST NEEDS
AT LEAST TWO ONE-COUNTRY AMSPECS. WITHOUT ONE-COUNTRY AMSPECS
COMMITTED WELL AHEAD, POST CANNOT CARRY OUT ADVANCE PLANNING
WITH COSPONSOR NECESSARY TO SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR, AND WE CANNOT
INSURE ESSENTIAL LEVEL OF QUALITY. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO TAKE
OUR LUCK ON WHATEVER SPECIALISTS MAY BE TRAVELING IN AREA
AND WILLING TO SPEND SUFFICIENT TIME HERE FOR SEMINAR. WITH
LITTLE CHANCE FOR ADVANCE PLANNING AND QUALITY CONTROLN
THIS WOULD PRECLUDE CO-SPONSORSHIP WHICH IS VITAL TO
TO WIDER IMPACT AMONG KOREAN AUDIENCE. IN "NONPROLIFERATION"
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PROJECT, TWO ADDITIONAL IV GRANTS ARE CENTRAL ELEMENTS.

3. POST UNDERSTANDS WE NOW HAVE 1 ONE-COUNTRY AMSPEC GRANT
FOR FY-78. TO CARRY OUT FIRST YEAR OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN WE WOULD
NEED TOTAL OF FOUR DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: "SETTLEMENT" PROJECT -
TWO; NONPROLIFERATION" PROJECT - ONE; "US AND EAST ASIA"
PROJECT - ONE. AMSPECS, OF COURSE, COULD BE OFFERED TO OTHER

POSTS AS REGIONAL LECTURERS IF ASSIGNED TO KOREA FOR FIXED PERIOD. FY
-78 PRELIMINARY BUDGET GUIDANCE
GIVES POST ELEVEN IV GRANTS. MISSIONWIDE NOMINATION SLATE
SUPPORTING OTHER OBJECTIVES OF COUNTRY PLAN NOW BEING COMPLETED
BY IV COMMITTEE. TO IMPLEMENT "NONPROLIFERATION" PROJECT, AN
ADDITIONAL TWO GRANTS ARE NEEDED. IN SUMMARY, POST REQUESTS
THREE ADDITIONAL AMSPEC GRANTS AND TWO ADDITIONAL IV GRANTS
BE ASSIGNED KOREA. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. RE REFTEL PARA 4: WE HAVE OBSERVED IN RECENT WEEKS SOME
ACTIONS TAKEN BY ROKG TO EXPAND CONFIDENCE IN KOREAN MILITARY
STRENGTH. TWO FILMS SHOWING ROK FIREPOWER AND ADVANCED WEAPONS
APPEARED THIS MONTH IN NATIONWIDE THEATER CIRCUIT. PRESIDENT
PARK HAS MADE RECENT PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND STATEMENT ENCOURAGEING
CONFIDENCE IN ROK STRENGTH AND DEFENSE INDUSTRY. NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES ON SUBJECT HAVE BEEN PERIODIC, BUT HAVE NOT GIVEN
APPEARANCE OF CONCERTED CAMPAIGN. IN ECONOMIC SPHERE, PRESS
FREQUENTLY IS GIVING LEAD SPACE TO NEW DEVELOPMENTS, POLICY
ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND REPORTS. MORE CAN BE DONE THROUGH TELEVISION
AND FILM AND EMBASSY BELIEVES ROKG WILL BE RECEPTIVE TO
SUGGESTIONS IN THAT DIRECTION.

5. CHIEF DRAWBACK IN REFERENCE PARA 4 QUESTIONS IS MILITARY
SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS ISSUE WE WILL HAVE TO EXPLORE
AND REPORT FURTHER ON AS PLANS FOR JOINT EXERCISES AND OTHER
MILITARY ACTIVITIES DEVELOP. IN REGARD TO OTHER TYPES OF COOPERATION,
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BELIEVE CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE BARRING ANY MAJOR SET-BACK
IN KOREAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THEATER PLACEMENT
OF A US-MADE FILM ON REGIONAL US DEFENSE OR ECONOMIC INTERESTS
SHOULD RECEIVE MCUI APPROVAL. COSPONSORSHIP OF SEMINARS WITH
INDEPENDENT AND SEMIOFFICIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES IS FEASIBLE.
OPPORTUNITIES ARE GOOD FOR PLACEMENT OF ARTICLES ON US
DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN KOREAN INTELLECTUAL JOURNALS
AND POPULAR PUBLICATIONS. FOR SUBJECTS DEALING WITH STRICTLY
KOREAN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY STRENGTH, BELIEVE KOREAN GOVERNMENT
AND MEDIA MUST BE SOLE CHANNEL AND THAT US SHOULD NOT ORIGINATE
ANY MATERIAL. US ROLE WOULD BE LIMITED TO INFORMAL ADVICE AS
NEEDED (SEE PARA 5.B REFTEL).

6. JOINT EMBASSY-COMUS KOREA IMPLEMENTATION OF FIVE-YEAR
PLAN PROJECTS WOULD BE FACILITATED IF DOD COULD SIGNIFY
FORMAL APPROVAL OF PLAN THROUGH ITS CHANNELS. IN
PARTICULAR, PROJECTS CONCERNED WITH HIGHER POSTURE PUBLIC
AFFAIRS TREATMENT OF JOINT MILITARY EXERCISES (USIA 24253-C)
REQUIRE DOD POLICY GUIDANCE.
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